THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d) As on 30-9-94, a total of 8,234 ex-Servicemen are registered with Zila Sainik Boards in Gujarat. To provide re-employment opportunities in the Central Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings, following percentage of vacancies are reserved for ex-Servicemen :-

		Group 'C'	Group 'D'
(i)	Ministries/Departments . . .	10%	20%
(ii)	PSUs/Nationalised Banks . . .	14.5%	24.5%

In Para Military Forces, a reservation of 10% is also provided in posts of Assistant Commandants. Recruitment in Defence Security Corps is primarily earmarked for ex-Servicemen.

The State Government of Gujarat has provided reservation of 10% in Group 'C' and 20% in Group 'D' posts, respectively for ex-Servicemen. Besides, 25% of vacancies in Veterinary Service/Animal Husbandry Services Class I and II, which are filled by direct selection, are also reserved for ex-Servicemen.

Ex-Servicemen have also been granted relaxation in age and educational qualifications both by the Central and the State Governments for seeking re-employment.

During January to June, 1994, a total of 101 ex-Servicemen have been provided re-employment by the Central Government and 4 by the State Government of Gujarat.

Return of Kashmiri Hindu Pandits

*240. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of India and Jammu and Kashmir Administration have made any appropriate arrangements for the safe return of about 3 lakh Kashmiri Hindu Pandit Refugees to their own homes in the Kashmir valley, and also for their free and fair voting in the future elections in Jammu and Kashmir, if so, what is the action taken;

(b) whether Government have made any arrangements so far to restore back to the Kashmiri Pandit Refugee employees their civil services in Jammu and Kashmir State;

(c) if so, the details thereof :

(d) whether Government of India and Jammu and Kashmir Administration have made any appropriate arrangement for the Kashmiri Pandit Refugees of that State, for giving them due share in the governance of the Jammu and Kashmir State Administration; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) Concerted drive against militancy and various confidence building measures are being taken to restore normalcy in the militancy affected areas and to create conditions conducive to the return of the migrants including migrant employees to their homes and callings/vocations in the Valley. As regards arrangement for casting of votes by the migrants, it is for the Election Commission to make the same at the relevant time.

(d) and (e) Appointments to administrative posts in the J & K Administration are governed by well established rules and regulations in force and the Kashmiri migrants are not denied their rights and opportunities in any manner.

Cases of Uranium Smuggling

2486. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been cases of Uranium smuggling out of the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected and what are the details thereof ;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) whether some of the smugglers belonged to Bangladesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) Reports of alleged smuggling/theft of uranium on a few occasions have appeared